



## Senate Daily Summary

### 2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES

**Thursday, 29 May 2008**

#### **Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee**

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**Portfolios allocated:** Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy; Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

The committee met from 9.04am until 10.06pm.

The committee:

- again called the department and agencies of the Communications and Information Technology portfolio, including the Australia Council, the Australian Film Commission, Film Australia Limited, Film Finance Corporation Australia Limited, the Australian Film, Television and Radio School, the Australian National Maritime Museum, the National Library of Australia, the National Gallery of Australia, the National Museum of Australia and Old Parliament House; and
- concluded its hearings.

#### **Finance and Public Administration Committee**

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**Portfolios allocated:** Finance and Deregulation; Human Services; Parliament; Prime Minister and Cabinet (including Climate Change)

The committee met from 9.01am until 10.54pm.

The committee:

- again called the Australian Electoral Commission;
- called the department and agencies of the Human Services portfolio, including Centrelink, Medicare, Health Services Australia and Australian Hearing
- called the Department of Climate Change; and
- concluded its hearings.

## **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee**

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**Portfolios allocated:** Attorney-General; Immigration and Citizenship

The committee met from 9.00am until 3.00pm.

The committee:

- again called the Department of Immigration and Citizenship; and
- concluded its hearings.

## **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee**

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**Portfolios allocated:** Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry ; Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

The committee met from 9.00am until 10.40pm.

The committee:

- again called the department and agencies of the Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government portfolio, including the Australian Maritime Safety Authority; and
- concluded its hearings.

## **Budget estimates at a glance** **2 to 5 June 2008**

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Next week committees will consider portfolios as follows:

- Community Affairs ([program](#))
  - Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
  - Health and Ageing
- Economics ([program](#))
  - Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
  - Resources, Energy and Tourism
  - Treasury
- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations ([program](#))
  - Employment and Workplace Relations
  - Education
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade ([program](#))
  - Foreign Affairs and Trade
  - Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)

## Related links

*Portfolio budget statements* and related papers can be obtained from the Senate Table Office (phone 6277 3010) and on the [Internet](#).

[General information](#) about the consideration of the 2008-09 budget estimates (membership of committees, portfolio allocation, terms of reference etc.) is available on the Senate web page.

[A program](#) for each of the committees is available on the Senate webpage and will be updated as necessary.

*Committee proceedings* can be viewed on the [Internet](#)

*Committee Hansards* can be obtained from the Senate Table Office (phone 6277 3010) and on the [Internet](#) (when available)

*The Senate Daily Summary* will be published each day after the committees meet. The Summary will give a brief overview on the progress made by each committee and the business each committee expects to consider the next day.

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## Further information

*Senate Briefs* provide general information about the estimates process:

[No. 4](#): Senate Committees

[No. 5](#): Consideration of Estimates by the Senate Committees

[No. 13](#): Rights and Responsibilities of Witnesses before Senate Committees

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